

## REMARKS/ARGUMENT

The amendment responds to the November 4, 2002, Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

Claims 26 through 42 are pending in the application. Claims 26 and 38 are amended by this response.

A Request for Continued Examination with payment of the official fee by deposit account accompanies this response.

The applicants thank the Examiner for conducting a telephone interview on October 31, 2002, and a personal interview on November 13, 2002, with the applicants' attorney. The applicants amend claims 26 and 38 in accordance to comments exchanged during the interviews.

### **Rejection of Claims 26 through 42 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)**

The Examiner maintains his rejection of claims 26 through 42 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), stating that the claims are anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 5,445,713 to Kunisha et al. The applicants traverse this rejection and request reconsideration.

The Examiner indicates in the November 13, 2002, Interview Summary that "language indicating that two of the rolls are counter rotating .. could overcome the art of record if claimed with respect to specific loops." The applicants amend claims 26 and 38 accordingly. This rejection should be withdrawn.

### **Conclusion**

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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